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TOPIC Troop Movements in the North Sector of the GDR

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REMARKS

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1. At about 1000 on 2 July 1954, the following troops and materiel from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4241) in Bernau were entrained at the railroad station: 7 T-34 tanks [redacted] armored scout cars and 8 trucks with covered numbers onto an undetermined number 50X1-HUM flatcars and about 100 soldiers with field packs onto 4 boxcars. The train went toward Berlin-Guetering at about 1400. ¹ 50X1-HUM
2. At about 1400 on 2 July, 8 JSU-152s [redacted] and 4 trucks with covered numbers and each occupied by 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were detrained at Bernau. The shipment had come from the direction of Berlin Aussenring. The troops moved to the southwest section of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne upon unloading. ¹
3. At 0930 on 7 July, a freight train including 5 or 6 flatcars carrying 2 x 122-mm field howitzers each was seen at Eberswalde railroad station. The train left between 1500 and 1930. 50X1-HUM
4. At 0930 on 8 July, 4 x 57-mm AT guns coupled to trucks [redacted] and 1 truck were loaded at Eberswalde railroad station.
5. At approximately 1350 on 8 July, a shipment of 4 field howitzers and 8 to 10 trucks was seen on a freight train at Bernau railroad station. The train headed toward Eberswalde. ² 50X1-HUM
6. On 9 July, a shipment of 8 x 120-mm mortars, 4 trucks [redacted] and several boxcars with troops was seen between Genthin and Burg en route toward Magdeburg. ³ 50X1-HUM
7. At about 1000 on 2 July, 4 trucks, each with a pontoon section [redacted] and 6 trucks with troops and 2 armored personnel carriers drove toward Rheinsberger Strasse from the direction of Wittstocker Allee and proceeded toward Altruppin. At about 1115 on 2 July, about 10 empty flatcars stood at Altruppin railroad station. Four trucks, each with a pontoon section, 6 trucks with soldiers and 2 armored personnel carriers stood near the loading ramp. At about 1430 on 2 July, the following train without locomotive stood at the Altruppin railroad station: approximately 20 flatcars and flatcars with sideracks with 10 trucks, each with a pontoon section, 50X1-HUM

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8 trucks, 2 armored personnel carriers, 2 jeeps and 1 sidecar motor ^{50X1-HUM}
It appeared that the train was to leave toward Herzberg. ⁴

8. At about 1630 on 5 July, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia unloaded flatcars at the Neuruppin main railroad station. The material unloaded included 6 trucks, 2 x 37-mm AA guns, boxes, suitcases and other baggage. Two other trucks with covered numbers and 37-mm AA guns coupled to them had already been unloaded. ⁵
9. At about 2030 on 3 July, a train of the following composition passed through Nassenheide railroad station: 24 flatcars with 24 trucks, each with a pontoon, 12 flatcars with 12 trucks carrying U-shaped girders, 2 flatcars with a motor cutter each and 4 boxcars with troops. ⁶
10. At about 1710 on 4 July, a freight train including the following military shipment passed through Nassenheide railroad station: 3 flatcars, each with a rocket launcher [redacted] and 3 flatcar ^{50X1-HUM} with 5 guns of approximately 5 mm. ⁷
11. Between 1530 and 1900 on 12 July, the following troops and materiel from the barracks camp at Wuhlheide (4161) were entrained in Berlin-Schoeneweide:
Onto flatcars:
about 20 to 25 trucks [redacted] ^{50X1-HUM}
2 jeeps [redacted]
1 radio truck;
1 field kitchen;
5 trucks with 15 to 20 light mortars and 2 x 120-mm mortars [redacted]
2 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns [redacted] about
5 half-track vehicles;
approximately 4 armored six-wheel machine gun carriers.
Onto 7 or 8 boxcars:
approximately 250 men, billeting equipment and ammunition. ⁸

Comment. Report regarding the shipments in paragraphs 1 and 2 contradicts previous information. The shipment in paragraph 1 was already previously reported [redacted]

The shipment in paragraph 2 was previously reported with some of the 87 gun [redacted] when the guns were unloaded in Eberswalde at 1400 on 2 July. [redacted]

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2. Comment. [redacted] transfer of units of the 6th Gds Mech Div to firing practices or exercises has continued.

3. Comment. [redacted] the train carried a unit of the 299th Gds Mort Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div which was loaded in Satskorn onto train [redacted] for shipment to Altenradow on 8 July. [redacted]

Comment. [redacted] a shipment went from Altruppin to an undetermined location [redacted] on 2 July. [redacted]

report refers to elements of the 207th Engr Bn of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Gentsarode (2206). The present report does not clearly show whether 1 or 2 shipments were loaded. It is believed that the units moved to the area of Jerichow where contingents of the 88th Engr Regt (?) from Neubrandenburg had moved at the same time. [redacted]

Comment. [redacted] 3 shipments [redacted] with units of the 12th Gds Tank Div returned to Neuruppin and Fuerstenberg from Justerbog on 4 and 5 July. [redacted] The ^{50X1-HUM} present information probably refers to one of the two first mentioned shipments.

Comment. The entraining of units of the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the Second Gds Mech Army from the Panzer Kaserne (2181), Neubrandenburg, for shipment toward Jerichow on 2 and 3 July was previously reported. [redacted]

Comment. [redacted] the shipment ^{50X1-HUM} included guns of the 126th Gds RL Bn of the 9th Gds Tank Div.

Comment. [redacted] the train carried a unit of the 24th Gds Mech Regt of the 7th Gds Mech Div to the Lieberose ^{50X1-HUM} training grounds.

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